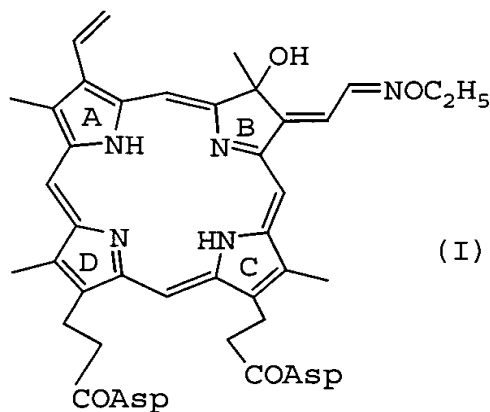


IN THE CLAIMS

9. (Previously added) A porphyrin compound represented by the following formula (I):

Formula 1



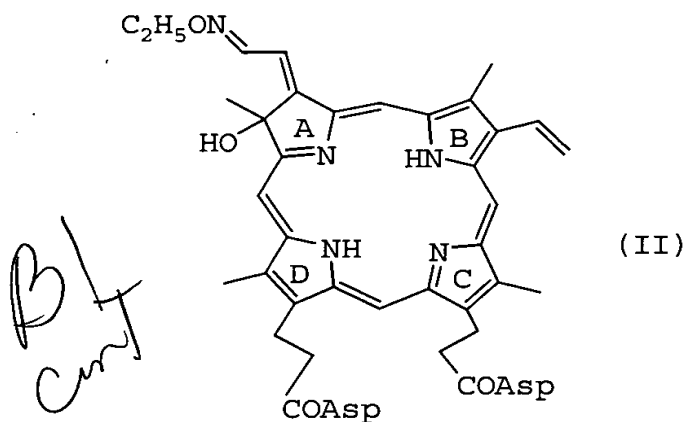
wherein Asp represents a residue of aspartic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

10. (Currently amended) A composition for use as a photodynamic diagnostic or therapeutic agent on cancers for animals comprising a diagnostic or therapeutic effective amount of the porphyrin compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim ± 9 as an active ingredient.

11. (Previously added) A method of photodynamic diagnosis and/or treatment on cancers for animals comprising administering the composition of claim 10.

12. (Previously added) A porphyrin compound represented by the following formula (II):

Formula 2



wherein Asp represents a residue of aspartic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

13. (Currently amended) A composition for use as a photodynamic diagnostic therapeutic agent on cancers for animals comprising a diagnostic or therapeutic effective amount of the porphyrin compound of formula (II) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim ~~11~~ 12 as an active ingredient.

14. (Previously added) A method of photodynamic diagnosis and/or treatment on cancers for animals comprising administering the composition of claim 12.